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SUBJECT The Port of Burgas

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1. When [REDACTED] ship, which was loading [REDACTED] was at the port of Burgas, only the captain, the first mate, and one crew member were allowed to go ashore. [REDACTED]

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2. The harbor has electric cranes and hoists, which run on old-type rails. [REDACTED] was unable to note the capacity of the cranes, but stated that they do not work well because of the electric power shortage. Power must be switched off other equipment when the cranes are in operation. This causes a great delay in loading and unloading work.

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3. The longshoremen and "longshorewomen" work over 10 hours a day. Because of the long hours, and also because of the low morale resulting from undernourishment, they neglect their work.

4. Six small destroyers were tied up in the western part of the harbor. Each of the ships had two rapid antiaircraft guns, a crew of 20-30 men, and were painted a dark gray color.

5. Seven freighters flying flags of various nations were in the harbor loaded with merchandise and tobacco destined for the Soviet Union.

6. [REDACTED]

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7. The harbor had a total of approximately 100 longshoremen and "longshorewomen" (between the ages of 20 and 50). Their working capacity was very low.

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8. Most of the longshoremen spoke Greek fluently. They told the crew that they are from Salonika, are "fed up" with the Communist regime in Bulgaria, and are awaiting liberation by the Western countries.

9. [] noted the following traffic in the port:

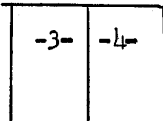
- a. [] 9,000 tons, unloading lentils;
- b. []
- c. [] y, loading tobacco for the Soviet Union; and
- d. Two Bulgarian steamers.

10. Four-wheel carts and Soviet diesel trucks are used for the transport of goods at the harbor. In addition, there are four railroad tracks along the quay, on which are old locomotives with a capacity of about 20 cars each.

11. The following is the legend for the port of Burgas shown on pages 3 and 4:

- 1. Green port entrance light.
- 2. Two small guns and a garrison of approximately 15 men.
- 3. Entrance, which is blocked by wire entanglements at 6:00 p.m.
- 4. Red port entrance light.
- 5. Signal post.
- 6. Two small guns and a garrison of approximately 15 men.
- 7. Observatory, which has a signal post.
- 8. Steel oil pipeline, 10 inches in diameter. Two 1,000-ton Bulgarian ships were fueling at this point.
- 9. Barracks, 3-stories high, masonry construction, tile roof. Houses approximately 700 officers, noncommissioned officers, Naval personnel, the personnel stationed at No. 2, No. 6, and No. 7, and personnel of other services.
- 10. Boats.
- 11. Twelve motor launches. In good condition. Armed with rapid fire machine guns and two torpedo launching tubes.
- 12. Pipelines to supply water to ships.
- 13. Warehouses for general merchandise.
- 14. Tobacco warehouses.
- 15. Grain elevators.
- 16. Grain elevators.
- 17. Cranes (a,b,c,d), 5-ton capacity. Three are powered by electricity and one by oil. All are in good condition.
- 18. []
- 19. []
- 20. []
- 21. Bulgarian steamer.
- 22. Bulgarian steamer.
- 23. City of Burgas.

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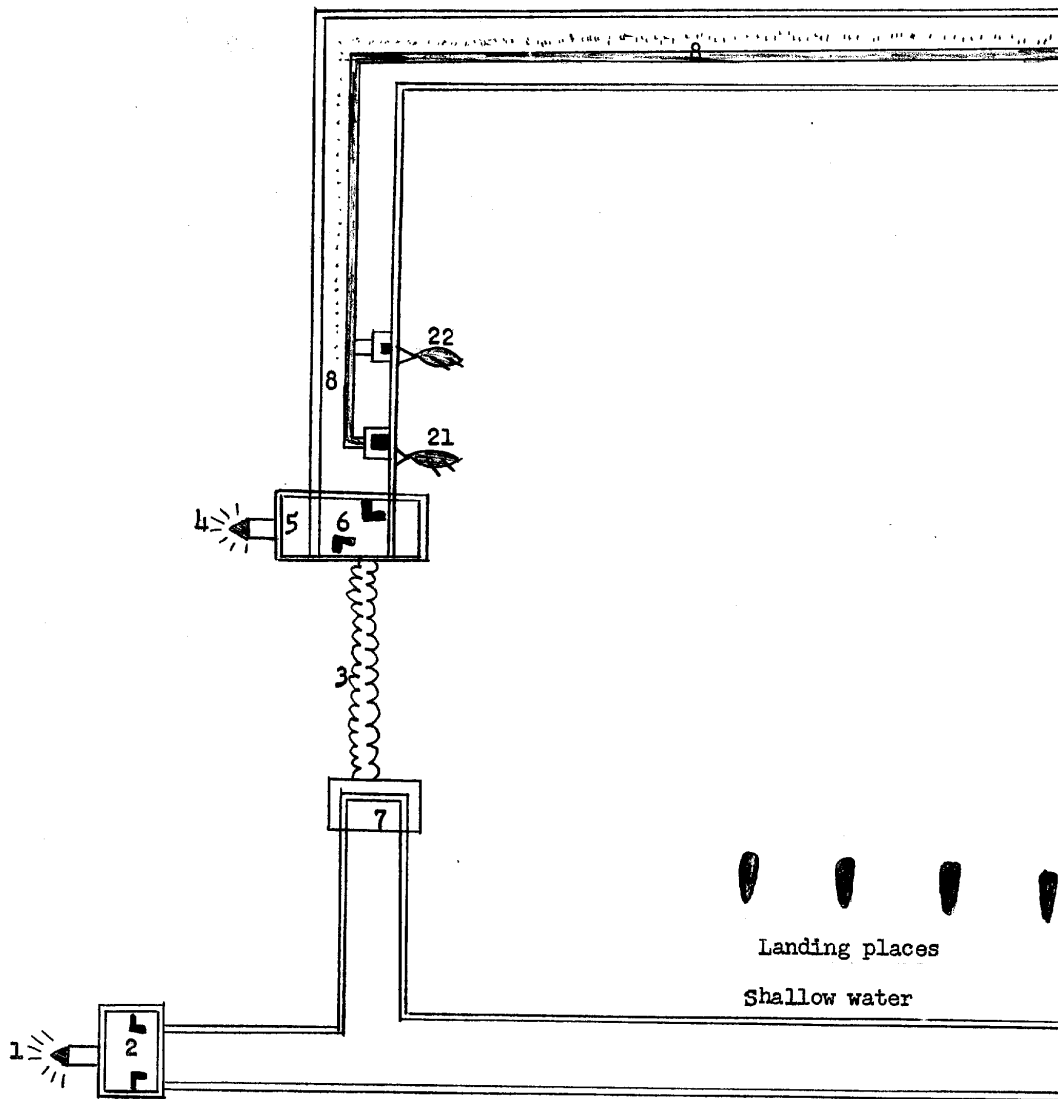


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